**National Guard Association of South Dakota**

**Mid-Winter Meeting**

**1400 CST, 7 February 2019**

**South Dakota National Guard Museum, Pierre, SD**

**Call to Order President Bambas**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Adjutant General’s Comments MG Tim Reisch**

* Thank general body for attending the Mid-Winter Meeting and the Dining Out.
* SD House Bill 1257 – Bill asking for federal funds expenditure authority to build a couple of buildings behind the armory in Sioux Falls and Rapid City.
* SD House Bill 1263 – Bill to fund year two and three of construction for the aviation readiness center in Rapid City at the airport.
* FY2023 plans will build a new readiness center in Sioux falls and new maintenance facility for the Air Guard
* Service Member Protection Act – Would allow National Guard members to carry pistols without permit to carry. Watching bill, no stance for or against at this time.
* South Dakota Army National Guard is at 104.5% strength. South Dakota Air National Guard is at over 106% strength.

**Roll Call Secretary Van Klompenburg**

* Roll call was conducted with members present. Quorum was met.

**Approval of Agenda President Bambas**

* Motion was made for approval of minutes by Deb Bartunek and seconded by Todd Bartunek. Motion passed.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes President Bambas**

* Motion was made for approval of minutes by John Weber and seconded by Todd Bartunek. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report Treasurer Mulder**

* The new budget year began on July 1, 2018, and the Association remains with budget.
* Income:
  + $6000 from the insurance trust.
  + ~$10,000 collected for state dues.
  + ~$15,000 collected for national dues.
  + ~$8,000 from NGAUS national office for early bird rebate.
* Operational expenses:
  + On budget this year.
* Special projects:
  + Support of the South Dakota National Guard Youth Camp. Gave up to $10,000 to help cover costs of camp.
* Taxes and nonprofit fee with state were completed.
* Overall accounts:
  + ~$50,000 in checking and savings
  + ~$23,000 in in CDs
  + ~$40,000 in state life account
  + ~$110,000 total
* $15,000 to be sent to NGAUS for national dues.

**Warrant Officer’s Report Steve Nelson**

* Darren Mallow Scholarship
  + The Warrant Officers Association will donate $100 this year to the scholarship.
  + They will fundraise yearly to raise money for the scholarship to increase the scholarship to $500 yearly.

**Junior Officer Report Jacob Vissia**

* NGASD State Conference
  + Thursday Evening: Planning to have a “meet & greet” to hang out with other JOs.
  + Friday morning: JOPD with emphasis on how NGASD and NGAUS supports us and why JOs should attend the national conference.
  + Saturday morning: Company grade officer breakfast
* Transportation to NGAUS in Denver
  + As the NGAUS Conference is in close proximity to South Dakota this year, there has been discussion on chartering a bus to drive to Denver. The bus would leave from Sioux Falls, stop in Rapid (and other places along I-90), then drive onto Denver.
  + Preliminary costs would be ~$8,000 for 55 pax bus, with a plan to charge $50 per person to ride the bus out to Denver. Of note, the cost of parking at the reserved hotel is ~$50 per day.
  + This has been proposed to the NGASD Executive Council with a pending funds request for up to $10,000 for a bus transportation to NGASD. It is understood that the Association would not break even on this proposal. The purpose of this is to provide a cost effective and convenient form of transportation for officers to the national conference, and to specifically increase Junior Officer participation.
    - Specific details will be brought to the general body at the state conference in April.
    - A request for funds from NGASD will be discussed at that time.
    - Will discuss options for field grade officers to sponsor Junior Officers attendance at the national conference.

**Executive Direct Report Quenten Johnson**

* QJ attended Industry Day in December 2018 and NGEDA in January 2019.
* National Capital Summit for Company Grade Officers
  + NGAUS has increased the Summit from two events to three, thus we will be able to send three CGOs this year. Wayne Hintz will be the South Dakota attendee in March 2019.
* NGAUS National Conference
  + August 30, 2019 – September 2, 2019, is over Labor Day this year.
  + Transportation will be provided from and to Denver airport to conference hotels
  + Convention Center is walkable rom all Conference Hotels
  + South Dakota Hotel: Sheraton
  + Friday pre-events:
    - Climb a 14’er,
    - Motorcycle ride
    - Peak to peak highway
    - Golf tournament at Fossil Trace Golf Course
  + Friday Evening
    - CGO Mixer is at Mile High Station: “Silent Disco”
  + Saturday Morning
    - Fun run at Auraria Campus
    - Spouse Luncheon: The Hyatt Ballroom
  + Saturday Evening
    - Governor’s Reception: Wing over the Rockies aeronautical museum
  + Sunday Evening
    - Hospitality Night: Denver’s 16th Street Mall
  + Monday Evening
    - State’s dinner at the convention center.
    - Theme: Denim and Diamonds
* South Dakota Run Hospitality Room Discussion
  + Our hospitality room is 900 sq. feet larger than last year
  + Wild Game Feed? Chili/deer meat/etc.
  + Somebody will have to man the hospitality room
  + Corporate sponsors would be needed.

**Corporate Membership Report David Larson**

* David Larson unable to attend today’s meeting. Report given by Quenten Johnson on behalf of Dave Larson.
* This year, NGASD has four Gold Members and three Bronze Members. Our Gold Membership has increased from one in 2017.
* Please continue to promote our membership to South Dakota driven businesses and give them the opportunity to network and advertise within our organization.
* Accessing businesses in the major communities in South Dakota is where we need to focus our corporate membership energy. Mr. Larson has been working with other business leaders within these communities that are also NGASD members to help increase our organization membership. The following individuals has been assisting in this process
  + Nick Dupont – Dupont Real Estate, Rapid City, SD
  + Paul Giovinetti – State of South Dakota Legislature, Pierre, SD
* If you have business leads, please send their names and numbers to Mr. Larson so he can reach out to them.

**Insurance Report David Burr**

* David Burr unable to attend today’s meeting. Report given by Quenten Johnson on behalf of David Burr.
* As of December 31, 2018, the National Guard Insurance Program had a checking account balance of $158,626.47.
  + 298 members were insured under Basic Life
  + 155 new policies were gained in November and December under the Enhanced Program
    - 6 units were briefed in November (David Burr and Cory Starr, together)
    - 15 units were briefed in December (separately)
  + 35 Basic Life policies were lost. Of those five were Retiree’s that turned 65. The remaining cancelled their policy or left the Guards and did not keep their policy.
  + Monthly fees for the Basic Policies in December was $1,028.49. Based on policies gained in November and December, monthly fees will be increasing.
  + Additional fees of $25 per each Enhanced Policy sold. With 155 Enhanced Policies, will potentially see an additional $3,875. It takes approximately three months for the underwriting of policies; thus, fees will be seen in February/March time frame.
* Sever policies were paid out in 2018, for a total of $26,000 in benefits to beneficiaries.
* Last year, the Insurance program paid $6,000 to each Association.
* Insurance Trust Board
  + Two courses of action were developed between enlisted and officer associations and then presented to both associations. Each association will recommend a course of action to the insurance trust board, but the ultimate decision will remain with the board.
  + NGASD will recommend the following to the board (COA #2):
    - Maintain an operating budget of $50,000 in the account to cover administrator costs.
    - Distribute $10,000 into the CW2 Darren R. Mallow Scholarship account (one time only) as to fully fund the scholarship to make it available yearly.
    - Pay each Association $50,000 to use for their needs (as approved by the board, one time only)
    - At the end of each quarter, pay out new accessions ($25.00 signups for new enhanced policies) and split 50/50 between Associations (starting March 2019)
    - At the end of the Fiscal Year, divide experience refund and return fees equally between the two Associations down to the $50,000 operating budget.
  + The chosen COA will be presented at the next NGASD Insurance Program meeting held in March 2019.
* Scholarship:
  + MG Duane L. ‘Duke’ Corning Scholarship Fund
    - Currently has $40,000 in fund which produces $2,500 in scholarships (two scholarships) yearly
  + CW2 Darren R. Mallow Fund
    - Currently is $100 yearly scholarship, however seed money is not fully funding scholarship every year. Warrant Officer Association will be fundraising to increase scholarship fund.

**Membership Report Cody Becker**

* For TY19, the state’s membership goal is 529.
  + Currently at 66%, or 348 officers who have paid dues.
    - In TY18, we were at 53%, and in TY17 at 69%
  + Current MACOM percentages
    - JFHQ: 48% (49 paid out of 102)
    - RSG: 60% (89 paid out of 148)
    - RTI: 71% (10 paid out of 14)
    - MEB: 75% (131 paid out of 174)
    - Air Guard: 76% (69 paid out of 91)
* Next membership target is March 31, for which our current membership percentage is used for a 5% rebate. The higher our membership percentage, the more money our association will receive back. Last year at March 31, we were at 75%. Goal this year is to be at 80+%.
* There is proposal at the national level to update/restructure the annual dues. Pending adoption at the 141st General Conference in Denver, dues will be updated to:
  + CGO W01-CW3, O1-O3: $40
  + Field Grade CW4, CW5, O4-O6: $80
  + Flag Officers: $130
* Discussed making all dues payments online only via Paypal.

**Museum Report Sonya Johnson**

* In 2018, 2220 people visited the National Guard Museum. 1023 visitors were youth from Summer Programs.
* 2018 Projects:
  + Changing to LED lights throughout museum, updating timeline on front wall, continuing SDNG history with more recent campaigns, rearranging state and federal missions.
* Sonya Johnson will be deploying next year and will not be able to run kids programing this summer. However, the museum will remain open.
* Thanked the NGASD and MACOMs for their support and donations. The “pass the hat” donations equaled $475 this year.

**Call for Nominations Ben Smetana**

* Ben Smetana is unable to attend today’s meeting.
* No nominations for Second Vice, Secretary, or Treasurer at this time.

**Call for Resolutions Chad Wika**

* Currently reviewing draft resolutions from both air and army.
* Drafting resolution concerning retirement age.
  + Passed in 2008, once a servicemember accumulated 90 days of deployed time in a fiscal year, their retirement age was reduced. However, if the 90 days passed over the fiscal year, the service member was not recognized for a reduced retirement age.
  + In 2014, this was changed to include 90 days that straddled the fiscal year, however it was not retroactive to 2008.
  + This resolution would propose reviewing service time back to 2008 and adjusting retirement ages if a servicemember accumulated 90 days deployed time but was interrupted due to the change of the fiscal year to ensure everyone’s retirement age is reflected appropriately.
  + Committee will continue to conduct research and will present more information for discussion at the state conference.

**Report on 64th State Conference Mike Frye**

* The 64th Annual State Conference will be held April 25-27 at the Holiday Inn City Center in Sioux Falls. A block of rooms is available until March 26, 2019.
  + Registration available online
* Thursday Night
  + A local craft beer “Grand Slam” brewed by our own Soldiers and Airmen at Heartland Brewing Co will be served in the hospitality room.
* Friday Morning
  + Childcare will be provided both Friday and Saturday
  + Speed mentoring opportunity lead by Carol Jordan from Army National Guard.
  + Retiree meeting
  + Spouse activities for both women AND men
  + Jenny Evans from TEDx stage
    - Blogger for the Huffington Post
    - Holds a BS in Kinesiology with an emphasis on Psychology from U of M.
    - Group Fitness Instructor for over 20 years
    - Corporate client list includes Yale School of Management, AT&T, Comcast, Nationwide, Procter & Gamble, Target, and many other Fortune 500 companies
  + Opening Ceremony will follow Jenny Evans presentation
  + Lunch will be through local favorite food trucks available just off hotel property (members expense)
* Friday afternoon business sessions
* Friday evening
  + Support your favorite baseball team by wearing your team’s jersey or uniform.
  + “Heavy” hors d’oeuvres will be available.
  + Casino games with prizes
  + Hypnotist, Kellen Marson
* Saturday morning
  + Company Grade Officers breakfast
  + Second business session
* Saturday afternoon
  + Golf Tournament: Information available at registration
  + Brew Pub Poker Run: Walk or ride a Sip-n-Cycle (weather permitting) to several breweries in downtown Sioux Falls to collect your poker hand. $20 to participate with a full payout of funds collected for prizes
  + Downtown Scavenger Hunt: Family friendly free scavenger hung around downtown landmarks/restaurants
  + Texas Hold ‘em and Cornhole Tournaments. Buy-in with 100% payouts awarded to winners
* Saturday Evening
  + Business casual dress, picnic-style full meal, and brief awards ceremony. Will end early enough to give attendees the change to experience downtown Sioux Falls or socialize in the hospitality room.

**President’s Comments President Bambas**

* Thanked Association for allowing him to serve as their president

**Other New Business Quenten Johnson**

* NGASD provided one-time financial support of the South Dakota National Guard Youth Camp this year. The original proposal was up to $10,000 to help send kids to youth camp, which was approved by the general body at the 2018 Annual Conference.
  + The actual cost was $10,212.
  + Asking the body to cover the remaining $212 for the South Dakota National Guard Youth Camp.

**Adjournment President Bambas**

* Motion to adjourn by Steve Nelson and seconded by Pat Stapleton. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.

**Submitted by: Approved by:**

**Emily Van Klompenburg Shawn Bambas**

**1LT, SDARNG CW5, SDARNG**

**Secretary President**